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SUBJ: DELEGATION RETURNS FROM NORWAY

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1. PORTUGUESE DELEGATION LED BY MINISTER OF ECONOMY RUI VILAR RETURNED FEBRUARY 6 FROM ITS ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL TALKS WITH NORWEIGAN GOVERNMENT IN OSLO. VILAR TOLD PRESS HE IS VERY SATISFIED WITH RESULTS. ACCORDING TO JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED, AT LEAST INITIAL ACTION TAKEN ON POINTS OF PORTUGUESE INTEREST DESCRIBED REFTEL.

2. IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE, ESPECIALLY FOR WINES, IS TO BE STUDIED, AND POSSIBILITY OF AGRICULTURAL ACCORD WITH
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EFTA EXAMINED. NORWEGIAN EXPORTERS AND INVESTORS IN PORTUGAL

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WILL BE GRANTED SPECIAL CREDITS (BUT INVESMTNET GUARANTEES PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED (REFTEL) WERE NOT MENTIONED IN COMMUNIQUE). NORWAY IS TO FURNISH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PETROLEUM, FORESTORY, AND ECONOMIC POLICY, AND STUDY POSSIBLE SIMILAR ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGUESE MERCHANT MARINE.

3. COMMUNIQUE MENTIONED POSSIBLE CREATION OF SPECIAL FUND TO PROMOTE PORTUGUESE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. VILAR SAID NORWEGIAN HELP COULD BE FOLLOWED BY SIMILAR ACTION BY SWEDEN AND DENMARK, AND DEVELOPMENT FUND COULD BE ST UP BY NORDIC COUNCIL OR WITHIN EFTA.

4. VILAR SAID HE TRANSMITTED FUNDAMENTAL LINES OF NEW ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLAN (CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS) TO NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS AND EMPHASIZED THAT IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH NORWAY WILL NOT ONLY AID TRADE BUT NEEDED STRUCTURAL REFORMS WITHIN PORTUGAL.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE BELIEF EXPRESSED PARA 5 REFTEL THAT WE SHOULD DO ALL WE CAN TO ENCOURAGE SUCH COOPERATION BETWEEN SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND PORTUGAL.
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